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The Honorable Peter S. Winokur
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in reference to the Department of Energy's Annual Report on Nuclear Criticality Safety for Fiscal Year 2011 to meet the annual reporting requirement established for closure of Recommendation 97-2, and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) letter dated January 29, 2008, which outlined additional topics to address in the annual report.

This report is a compendium of input from multiple sites and program offices. The Department needs additional time to further review and validate inputs. An additional 30 days beyond the January 31, 2012, due date is needed to complete our response to the Board.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Jerry Hicks at (505) 845-6287 for issues related to the National Nuclear Security Administration and Mr. Kenneth G. Picha, Jr., Acting Director for the Office of Safety Management, at (202) 586-2281 for EM-related issues.

Sincerely,

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